



**PUBLIC REQUEST TO ADDRESS  
THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA**

**Correspondence Received**

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KATHRYN BARGER

The following individuals submitted comments on agenda item:				
Agenda #	Relate To	Position	Name	Comments
43-F.		Favor	Alejandra Liera	<p>Good morning supervisors my name is Alejandra Liera, I am a community member representing El Sereno Community Land Trust. Calling in support of SB 1079. I urge the Board of Supervisors to please vote yes and help prevent homes from falling into the speculative market and instead into community control that prevents resident displacement. By supporting SB 1079, LA County is demonstrating support for homeowners and residents who -- with the support of nonprofits and community land trusts -- create equitable community investment and provide permanently affordable housing for all in LA.</p> <p>As Community Land Trusts we are demonstrating our capacity to transform the speculative real estate market through our acquisition rehab preventing residential displacement.</p>
			Allison E Riley	<p>LA County's support of SB 1079 is essential to the success of community acquisition programs that support housing stability for our neighborhoods. LA County comprises 25% of the entire State's foreclosures, with the City of LA making up the majority of households experiencing foreclosure.</p> <p>SB 1079, which went into effect January 2021, was written with the work of Community Land Trusts in mind; the intent of the bill is to make it easier for CLTs and other not-for-profit affordable housing providers to intervene in the foreclosure auction process in order to keep homeowners and tenants in small 1-4 unit buildings from losing their housing and potentially becoming homeless.</p>



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43-F.		Favor	Diana Jimenez	<p>T.R.U.S.T South LA is a community land trust operating in SD 1 and 2, comprising membership from South Central and Southeast LA residents. LA County's support of SB 1079 is essential to the success of community acquisition programs that support housing stability for our neighborhoods. LA County comprises 25% of the entire State's foreclosures, and we must address this emerging crisis so that we don't lose our housing to corporate speculators, as we did after the 2008 housing collapse.</p> <p>SB 1079 -- which is called the "Homes For Homeowners Not Corporations" -- went into effect January 2021 and was written with the work of Community Land Trusts in mind: the intent of the bill is to make it easier for CLTs and other not-for-profit affordable housing providers to intervene in the foreclosure auction process in order to keep homeowners and tenants in small 1-4 unit buildings from losing their housing to corporate buyers and potentially becoming homeless.</p> <p>I urge the Board of Supervisors to vote yes and support the permanent affordability of 1-4 unit homes under SB 1079. When mortgage forbearance expires homeowners and small rental property owners will face an immense financial crisis which urgently requires support from bills like SB 1079. The passage and subsequent budget ask prevents homes from falling into the speculative market and instead into community control that proactively prevents resident displacement. By supporting SB 1079, LA County is demonstrating support for homeowners and residents who -- with the support of nonprofits and community land trusts -- create equitable community investment and provide permanently affordable housing for all in LA.</p>
			Faizah Barlas	
			Kasey Ventura	

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43-F.		Favor	Leslie Ezech	<p>The LA County Community Land Trust Program is achieving its goals by saving homes and preventing LA residents from being displaced, but it needs more financial support to do so on a larger scale. Los Angeles is leading the state in foreclosures and cannot afford to take small measures to addressing its housing crisis.</p> <p>The purpose of SB 1079 is to make it easier for CLTs and other nonprofit affordable housing providers to intervene in the foreclosure auction process in order to keep homeowners and tenants in small 1-4 unit buildings from being displaced, but this will be very challenging to do without sufficient funding. Therefore please support the state budget proposal to fund SB 1079 in order to enable these community organizations to keep Angelenos housed and prevent more homelessness.</p>
			Lori Gay	
			PHYLLIS M CHESTANG	SECOND WIND 501C3 AND PHYLLIS CHESTANG VOTE YES 4EDUCATION AND COMMUNITY
		Item Total	8	
Grand Total			8	



April 20, 2021

Re: Item 43-F – LA County Board of Supervisors

On behalf of Neighborhood Housing Services of LA County (NHSLA), we write to support LA County's support of SB 1079. It is essential to the success of neighborhood acquisition programs that support housing stability for our communities. LA County comprises 25% of the entire State's foreclosures, and we must address this emerging crisis so that we don't lose our housing to corporate speculators, as we did after the 2008 housing collapse.

SB 1079 -- which is called the "Homes For Homeowners Not Corporations" -- went into effect January 2021 and was written with the work of Community Land Trusts and other not-for-profit affordable housing providers to intervene in the foreclosure auction process in order to keep residents of 1-4 unit buildings from losing their housing to corporate buyers and potentially becoming homeless.

NHSLA serves as the region's largest affordable homeownership provider. Over 36 years our work has almost solely been focused on helping low-income families to achieve the dream of homeownership. To do this work, we have acquired, rehabilitated, sold and/or financed over 26,000 housing and commercial units to assist families in Los Angeles County. The work of acquisition is one of the toughest components because there are so many market forces that disable the neighborhood developer from being able to access single-family units to pass through to eligible modest income families.

We urge the Board of Supervisors to vote yes and support the permanent affordability of 1-4 unit homes under SB 1079. When mortgage forbearance expires homeowners and small rental property owners will face an immense financial crisis which urgently requires support from bills like SB 1079. The passage and subsequent budget ask prevents homes from falling into the speculative market and instead into community control that proactively prevents resident displacement. By supporting SB 1079, LA County will also demonstrate its support for critically needed funding that is required to help assist local non-profits to purchase and restore properties as decent, safe and affordable housing for all families.

Sincerely yours,

*Lori R. Gay*

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President & CEO